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1840-1850/1870's

32-4 W. Montgomery St. (North side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private and public access

This side of W. Montgomery St. includes the Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church, the first black church congregation to be established in the Federal Hill area. The Romanesque Revival style church was built in 1848 but the current appearance is the result of remodelings in the late 1860's and 1890's. The facade is now covered with formstone. To the east of the church, at 18 W. Montgomery St. there is a three story high, two bay wide Italianate-style parish house, also now covered with formstone, and to the west of the church, at 32 W. Montgomery St. there is a three story, three bay wide brick Italianate-style combination commercial/residential structure built contemporaneously with the corner building at 735-737 S. Hanover St. At the eastern end of the block there are two pairs of early brick houses dating from the 1840's, which are the only survivors of a group of similar houses that originally lined this side of the street. 8-10 W. Montgomery St. are three story, gable-roofed houses, two bays wide; 6 W. Montgomery St. is a typical two story plus attic, two bay wide brick house, with a two story high, one room deep side addition at 4 W. Montgomery St.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

8-10 W. Montgomery St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC
☐ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☒ OTHER restoration
contemplated

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mayor and City Council

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21202**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

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Liber #:

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STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE
Maryland 21202**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pair of three story brick houses with gable roof was built as a unit. The main gable roofed structure is only one room deep. A two story kitchen wing extends to the rear. Its gable roof is set at right angles to the street, one half of the gable covering the extension of 8 and the other half covering the extension of 10 W. Montgomery. An additional one story structure with sloping shed roof runs from the rear of the structure.

The pair of houses is three full stories in height and four bays wide. Each unit is about 13 1/2' wide and runs back on its lot about 38'. The houses are constructed in running bond. There is a single covered pointed arch brick chimney on the end wall of each house, and an additional wide, rectangular chimney on the north end wall of the two story extension. The low-pitched gable roof is covered with tarpaper. A simple brick cornice extends across the unified facade. All of the openings--both windows and doors--have splayed brick lintels. The windows have wood sills. No sash remains and the openings are either empty or boarded. The house stands on a low basement, the entrances being reached by two sets of broad stone steps.

The floor plans of 8 and 10 W. Montgomery St. conform to that of the usual 2 1/2 story or 2 story with attic house plans seen so frequently in this neighborhood. The basic unit is two rooms deep on both the first and second floors, with a single room on the third floor. The main difference, of course, is that the third story room has a full height ceiling (in this case 8 1/2') in place of the low, sloping ceilings of both the dormer and attic third floor variations on the type. In this case, however, the extra space on the third floor seems to have been the result of subtracting space from the second floor as well as raising the roof height. Although the first floor rooms have ceiling heights of 8', the second floor rooms are only 7' in height. Both the front and back rooms of the first and second stories are of about the same dimensions (11' x 11'). The sharply winding stairs are located in a narrow passageway between the front and back rooms, as is common with this plan type. All of the rooms in the house, except for the first floor rear addition, have fireplaces--the front rooms being served by the central roof chimney of the main section of the house; the back rooms by the wide north end "kitchen" chimney. The width of the opening of this end chimney makes it clear that the first floor back room served as the kitchen.

The interiors of both houses seem to have survived in close to original condition, although the second floor back rooms have been partitioned. The back rooms of the first floor in both houses still show a 3' high vertical wainscoting and all but one of the fireplaces retain their original mantelpieces. The mantelpieces of the first floor have especially finely modeled mantel shelves with plain freizes supported either by Doric pilasters or reeded molding. The mantelpieces of the second and third floors are simpler in character, with Doric pilasters supporting plain freizes and a simply molded mantel shelf. These decorative details are decidedly late Federal/Greek Revival in character.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1840's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This pair of houses is representative of a fairly small group of three story gable roofed houses built for a working class market in the Federal Hill area. In most cases the three story, gable roofed form was used for larger-scale, middle class housing, or for combination residential/commercial buildings. In terms of size, scale, and floor plan this pair of houses is actually closer to the two story plus attic houses built in such numbers in the area for the growing number of workers centered around the Baltimore waterfront. Despite the fact that there is a third story, the ceiling heights of the upper floor rooms are quite low and the house really seems hardly any larger than the two story plus attic types.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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ORGANIZATION

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Ruxton

Maryland 21204

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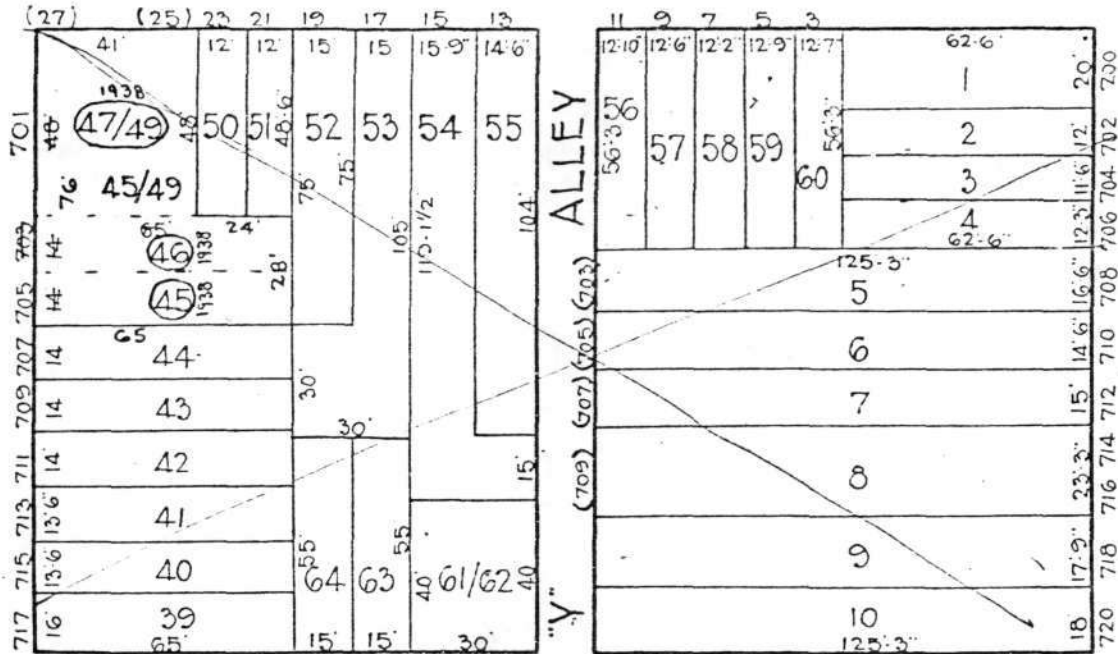
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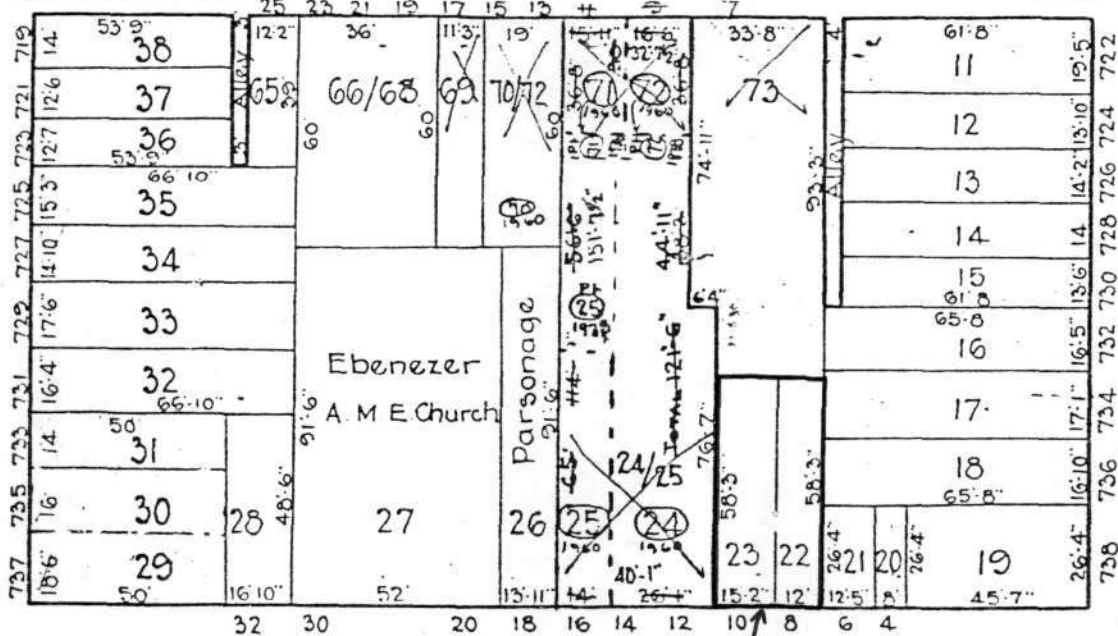


ST.

W. HUGHES

ST.

S. HANOVER



S. CHARLES

B-3005

W. MONTGOMERY

ST.

B-3005
8-10 W. Montgomery Street
Block 0895 Lots 020
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.





B-3005

8-10 W. Montgomery St.

M.E.H.

4/79

South elevation